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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY DETERMINATION ON NON-RUBBER
FOOTWEAR

REF: BRASILIA 02584

1. TREASURY MEETINGS WITH FRANCISCO DORNELLES WERE NOT AS
DEFINITIVE AS DORNELLES' REPORT OF MEETINGS APPEARS TO
HAVE INDICATED. ABSOLUTELY NO RPT NO DECISION HAS BEEN
MADE CONCERNING THE FOOTWEAR ESCAPE CLAUSE CASE.

2. FURTHER IN MEETINGS AT TREASURY, THERE WAS NO INTENTION
TO GIVE DORNELLES THE IMPRESSION THAT THE GOB WOULD NOT
HAVE TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO QUALIFY FOR A WAIVER OF A
COUNTERVAILING DUTY ONCE THE ESCAPE CLAUSE DECISION IS
MADE. DORNELLES WAS TOLD THAT DEPENDING ON THE RELIEF
GRANTED IN THE ESCAPE CLAUSE CASE THIS RELIEF MAY BE SUFFI-
CIENT TO QUALIFY FOR A WAIVER. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE 'AS
INFORMED THAT IT WAS EQUALLY POSSIBLE FOR THE ESCAPE CLAUSE
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RELIEF TO NOT BE SUFFICIENT FOR A WAIVER. IN THIS CONTEXT,

TREASURY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SUCHMAN ASKED DORNELLES
WHETHER GOB WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE ADDITIONAL STEPS TO ALTER

OR DIMINISH THE FOOTWEAR INCENTIVES. DORNELLES REPLIED
THAT SUCH STEPS COULD BE TAKEN BUT THAT THEY WOULD BE
LIMITED IN THE EARLIER STAGES. OVERALL, THE DISCUSSIONS
WITH TREASURY WERE GENERAL AND THE SPECIFIC NATURE OF ANY
POSSIBLE WAIVER WAS NOT DISCUSSED.

3. TREASURY HAS SINCE TALKED WITH U.S. FINANCE ATTACHE
IN BRASILIA AND INDICATED USEFULNESS OF ANOTHER TRIP BY
DORNELLES TO SPEAK WITH MACDONALD. UNLESS EMBASSY PER-
CEIVES OBJECTION, ABOVE POINTS SHOULD BE CONVEYED DORNELLES
WITH INDICATION THAT MACDONALD INTENDS TO DISCUSS THESE
CLARIFICATIONS DURING DORNELLES POSSIBLE FORTHCOMING VISIT.
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